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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 41-04

16:00 HRS (4:00 PM), September 23, 2004

PORT HURRICANE CONDITION X-RAY SET IN THE PORTS OF NORTHEAST and EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA

Effective at 22:00 hrs (10:00 p.m.) in Port Canaveral and Ponce inlet and at 15:00 hrs (3:00 p.m.), 24 SEP in the Ports of Jacksonville and Fernandina, Hurricane Condition X-Ray (48 hrs to the on-set of gale force winds) is set for Northeast and East Central Florida.

All mariners are reminded that there are no safe havens in the Captain of the Port Jacksonville area, and that the port is safest when the inventory of vessels is at a minimum. All oceangoing vessels and barges over <u>500</u> GT are requested to put to sea if/when Hurricane Condition Yankee (24 hrs to on-set of gale force winds) is set. Oceangoing vessels over 500 GT that wish to remain in port must submit a **Remaining in Port Checklist** to the Captain of the Port, and should contact the Marine Safety Office immediately.

If/when Condition Yankee is set the port will be closed to in-coming vessel movement. Ship-to-shore cargo operation is required to stop. Inland tank barges must be emptied and secured, and dredges and construction equipment must be secured and moved away from bridges. Hurricane Jeanne is a large and powerful storm, and all marine interests must take early and substantial action to ensure safety of the port and vessels.

Future port conditions cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty, but *provided the storm remains on the projected course and speed*, port stakeholders can expect the following progression of port conditions:

Port Condition	Port Canaveral / Ponce		Jacksonville/Fernandina	
	Date	Time	Date	Time
X-RAY	23 Sep	22:00 hrs	24 Sep	15:00 hrs
YANKEE	24 Sep	22:00 hrs.	25 Sep	15:00 hrs
ZULU	25 Sep	10:00 hrs	26 Sep	03:00 hrs
Arrival of Gale Force Winds	25 Sep	22:00 hrs	26 Sep	15:00 hrs

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To facilitate communication and stakeholder involvement, all affected port entities are invited to join daily teleconferences as follows to discuss the situation as Hurricane JEANNE approaches:

Date	Port Canaveral / Ponce	Jacksonville/Fernandina	
Thursday, 23 September 2004	15:00-15:30 p.m.	15:30-16:00 p.m.	
	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-1095	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-1095	
Friday, 24 September 2004	15:00-15:30 p.m.	15:30-16:00 p.m.	
	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-2174	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-2174	
Saturday, 25 September 2004	15:00-15:30 p.m.	15:30-16:00 p.m.	
	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-1095	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-1095	
Sunday, 26 September 2004	15:00-15:30 p.m.	15:30-16:00 p.m.	
	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-1095	<i>CALL</i> : 202-267-1095	

Please follow weather forecasts and reports closely as long-range predictions can change significantly. For additional information please contact LT A. Ives at (904) 232-2640 ext. 158.

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